SUBJECTS.

KARTIGAPALLI TALUK.

98. *Widening the lane from the Kanakakunnu market to Ramapuram Nadaikavu.*

Mr. Sankaran Kochu Kunju Channar (Member, Kartigapalli Taluk) requested that the lane from the Kanakakunnu market to Ramapuram Nadaikavu might be widened and improved.

Dewan's reply.—An investigation has been ordered by Government.

99. *Improvement of the road from Kayenculam to Nangiarkulangara.*

Mr. K. R. Govinda Pillai (Member, Kartigapalli Taluk) said that the portion of the road from Kayenculam to Nangiarkulangara, 6 miles long, was not at present fit for cart traffic. As it was a road largely used by merchants and agriculturists, he requested that the road might be ordered to be metalled.

Dewan's reply.—This is one of the roads included in the programme of the Public Works department and it will be taken up when its turn comes.

100. *Provision of a lock for the Pathiyur canal.*

Mr. K. R. Govinda Pillai (Member, Kartigapalli Taluk) said that, owing to the influx of brackish water from the backwaters, the cultivation of about 5,000 paras of land from Pathiyur to Karippuzha suffered at present. Since the year 1040, the people had been urging upon Government the necessity of providing a lock at the canal near the Pathiyur bridge for the protection of cultivation. At present, temporary locks used to be put up by the ryots in times of cultivation. The Member requested that the work might be soon taken up.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) supported the previous speaker.

Dewan's reply.—This matter is being investigated by the Public Works department.

MAVELIKARA TALUK.

101. *Improvement of a canal.*

Mr. Kanakku Kerulan Govindan (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) said that the canal from the Mavelikara Arattukadavu to the Thodiyil backwater was allowed to remain in a neglected condition without timely and proper maintenance. It ran through paddy lands and was partly in the Mavelikara taluk and partly in the Karunagapalli taluk. The canal was once in a perfectly navigable condition but now it was silted up in many places and was navigable only in the rainy weather. In the interests of cultivation, the Member said that it should be properly repaired. He added that the registry of the poramboke lands adjacent to the canal (in the

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